

KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND MINUTES

The **October 19, 2023, Special Session** virtual meeting commenced at 11:30 a.m. Chairman Don Hineman presided with a quorum. Proper notice was published in the Kansas Register.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Hineman, Chair, Senator Renee Erickson, LeEtta Felter, DiAnne Graham, Deliece Hofen, Monica Murnan, Terri Rice, and Ex Officio designees: Amanda Petersen, KSDE, Derik Flerlage and Ashley Goss, KDHE, Karla Wiscombe, Kansas Board of Regents. Cabinet Staff: Melissa Rooker, Amy Meek, Hannah White, Christie Wyckoff, and Dyogga Adegbore

WELCOME

Chairman Don Hineman welcomed everyone to the meeting to act on a slate of Capital Projects Fund Accelerator grants as the only item of business.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ACCELERATOR GRANT PROPOSAL

Melissa Rooker, Executive Director gave an introduction for Round 1 of a new project known as the Capital Projects Fund Accelerator grant. The program funds construction of multi-purpose community facilities officering access for work, education, health monitoring, and childcare services. The U.S. Treasury Department provided the funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The CPF grant totals \$38 million dollar from the U.S. Treasury (Broadband funding). The awards cover Construction-only projects. All projects are required to have a design that incorporates licensed childcare, work, health monitoring and education. All recipients were to include an operational sustainability plan and 15% project asset.

Melissa asked Hannah White, Federal Project Officer with the Cabinet staff to discuss the timeline and review process for the slate of recommended grants.

Hannah presented background information on three proposed recipients for the grant. She explained the review team received 12 applications totaling \$63.1 million dollars. The funding available is \$38 million dollars. Round 1 target is to award between \$10 million dollars and \$12 million dollars. The review team considered applicants' eligibility and thoroughness, geographic diversity, and diverse strategies. The review team consisted of both external reviewers with diverse areas of expertise and Cabinet staff. Cabinet staff hosted technical assistance webinars, responded to questions, and provided online resources to applicants.

A map of proposed Capital Projects was shared with the board. The three recommended projects' proposed awards totaled \$10,254,009, adding 313 slots in Kansas.

The slate included:

Community Children’s Center, Inc., Lawrence, Kansas	\$4,900,000	69 slots
The Grove Community Center, Hays, Kansas	\$3,597,250	77 slots
Little Lyons of Emporia, Kansas	\$1,756,759	167 slots

After discussion, Chairman Hineman asked for a motion.

MOTION:

It was moved by Monica Murnan the board approve the slate of three applications as presented. Motion seconded by LeEtta Felter. Chairman Hineman asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Terri Rice	Yes
Monica Murnan	Yes
Deliece Hofen	Yes
DiAnne Graham	Yes
LeEtta Felter	Yes
Senator Renee Erickson	Yes
Chairman Don Hineman	Yes

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Melissa Rooker gave an update about Barber County United, an existing Child Care Capacity Accelerator grantee. The grantee received both CCDF and Accelerator funding for a total grant award of \$1,975,004. Melissa provided the update to the Cabinet board that the list of child care providers included in their project plan was affected by the closure of one particular site. The grantee is seeking an amendment to their plan to reallocate their grant award dollars to other program locations and in the process add 56 additional child care slots above and beyond their original plan. She asked Chairman Hineman if the board preferred to act on this item. The board had no objection to Cabinet staff working with the grantee to make the necessary amendment to the project plan.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The Children’s Cabinet will be meeting virtually Friday, December 1, 2023. All meetings are held the first Friday of every other month from 9:00 a.m. t 12:00 p.m. as virtual meetings until further notice. Date of the 2024 Meeting Schedule are February 2, April 5, June 7, August 2, October 4, and December 6, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for discussion, Chairman Hineman adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.